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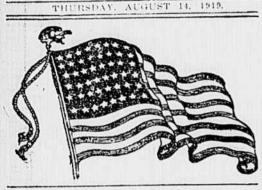


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The National Association of Credit Men says the excess profits tax is one of the causes of the high cost of living. Admitted. The association might have gone further and stated that many dealers make this tax the excuse for gouging the public on nearly every sale as much as ten times more than the tax on the purchase amounts to.

Owing to the price situation, ability of the provident householder to "bring home the bacon" when doing the marketing has steadily declined, but under the government plan of selling the army's surplus food stores direct to consumers through the medium of the parcels post, maybe for a brief spell bacon on the family table will not be altogether a

At the conclusion of Senator Lodge's speech opposing the league of nations covenant the galleries upset the traditional decorum of Senate procedure by cheering in approval of his remarks. No doubt the galleries previously had been packed on purpose with opponents of the treaty, just as the galleries in the House were packed with prohibition advocates when the war-timg enforcement bill was under consideration. Sentiment of the country is not reflected by gallery cheering in Washington.

It may be taken for granted that the woman suffragists will not seek to put their fate to the test before the special session of the General Assembly, even if that body were to give them that opportunity. It is no secret that there has been a frenzied counting of legislative noses on the part of the advocates of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Federal Constitution, and it also is an open secret that the count shows they would suffer a defeat even more decisive than other defeats they have sustained at the hand of the Virginia Assembly. Similar defeat probably awaits them at the regular session next year. but the intervening months will give them more time for their campaign.

It would be a grievous error to take the appointment of the State Highway Commissioner out of the hands of the Governor and it is not within steason to believe that the General Assembly will seriously consider it. What agitation there has been for such a change may be set down largely to political gossip and the proposal has not drawn sufficient support to make it a real issue. That office almost overnight has become one of the most important in Virginia, directing the expenditure of many millions of dollars each year and by all means it must be kept free of politics. Otherwise its efficiency will be crippled if not altogether destroyed. Taxpayers generally realize what the result would be and they are emphatically opposed to any radical upsetting of the present law

If further argument were needed to convince anyone of the imperative necessity for good roads, and of course it is not, it would be furnished in ample measure by the difficulties which motorists who participated in The Times-Dispatch booster run encountered on the way from their homes to Richmond. Many of them battled with the mud and succeeded in completing the trip, while others were vanquished by the bottomless mire and were compelled to turn back or leave their cars and complete their journey by train. The cars which did get through gave evidence of heavy going, and even the luckiest of them took many more hours than would have been required over decent highways And these are the roads over which business is expected to move, over which the farmers must carry their produce to depots or markets, over which all people must travel in their daily routine of life, on which every community must depend for its physical connection with the outside world. With such miserable, all but impassable roads, is it any wonder that Virginia has lagged behind in the procession of business and social progress?

Limitation by resolution of the matters to be discussed and disposed of by the General Assembly at its special session would seem to be the part of wisdom, and it is hoped that the members will view their duty in this light. To enter upon a general legislative program was not the intent of the Assembly when it called itself together, nor was it the understanding or wish of the people generally who gave the special session their unrestricted approval. To do so now would threaten the very objects for which the session was called. Nothing further than good roads was contemplated in the call and to that subject the Assembly should devote its attention until the very best program possible has been adopted. Since the call was issued a seeming emergency in the living problem has arisen

Richmond Times-Dispatch of the legislators and the people deem it best that the Assembly go thoroughly into that situation and, complying with the Constitution, enact antitrust laws to bring relief from the burden of high costs. That is legitimate, but, in the absence of any other emergency, it is the consensus of opinion that the Assembly should go no further. A resolution to that effect would win the public approval

Virginia Alive to the Times

TUST as it was expected that he would do when he appeared in person before the joint session of the Virginia General Assembly yesterday, Governor Westmoreland Davis talked frankly of the State's direful need of good roads and with engaging straightforwardness discussed his own position in the endeavor to obtain them. While an ardent advocate of an improved highway system, the Governor did not believe that this special session, of the Assembly was necessary in order to meet the Federal offer of aid, to secure the benefit of an increased automobile tax, or, in brief, that it would in any degree advance the good roads problem towards a solution. For that reason, as he stated to the Assembly, he declined to call the special session, he had no applogies to offer for his attitude, and he is unconverted from his belief that the present session is unnecessary. However, the members of the Assembly, having failed to view the road question in the same light and having called themselves together, he promised his utmost co-operation in the great work that lies before them. That co-operation the Assembly felt assured of even before the Governor gave voice to the promise

The Governor, interested as always in the farmer and the rural districts, stressed the point that the county roads should be looked after as the important feeders of the highway system and not neglected for the main arteries of traffic. In this connection he voiced his disapproval of the Federal aid plan as totally inadequate, expressing the firm belief that the Federal government should build out of its own treasury great national trunk lines, which would be available for military purposes in time of war and thus relieve the several States of a great part of their road burden. To this end he asked the Assembly to memorialize Congress for the passage of the pending national highway bill. He also warned against the onerous burden that the increased tax rates might prove to the people of Virginia in the years to come.

As the first step in his promised co-operation for the fullest measure of good roads building in which the people shall receive a dollar in value for every one of their dollars expended, he spoke forcibly against the suggestion that the office of Highway Commissioner be made elective. He sees in that a dangerous decentralization of power with a resultant waste of hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money and all for selfish and partisan political purposes, an evidence of invisible government.

Very briefly, but earnestly, the Governor touched on the need for anti-trust legislation, urging on the Assembly that it enact adequate laws for the curbing of the conscienceless profiteers, as he had recommended in his inaugural address. These, and a good word for the schools, always his especial interest, and a word of caution that they must not be neglected in the care provided for them, were the only subjects touched on by the Governor and it is presumed that no others will be considered by the Assembly.

As an open and honest exposition of his beliefs on the matters discussed, his hopes and his fears, as showing his earnest advocacy of good roads, while keeping the welfare of the people of Virginia closest to his heart, the Governor's address was able and fearless, and in strict keeping with his' theme, "Let Virginia be alive to the times."

Packers' Sad Plight

AT a recent conference of interests conducing, packing and marketing of fresh meats, it was decided that something must be done to stimulate the consumption of beef, mutton, lamb and veal. The public must be educated up to a larger and more generous conception of the value of such meats and induced to buy and serve them at least once if not twice or three times a day. To this end a nation-wide advertising campaign is being promoted as a means of impressing the consumer with his duty to the packing

industry and his duty to himself as well. It is a queer situation that has brought about this appeal to the public. The war in Europe having ended; the greater part of the American and other armies having been disbanded and the civilian population of that continent not being extensive consumers of American meat, a surplus supply of fresh meats is rapidly accumulating in this country. The packers are not able to market all their goods and they stand to lose big money if they are not able to persuade the American people to buy more heavily.

But the American people themselves have learned to eat less meat since the war began. This article of diet has become so dear that only the family of wealth can afford roast beef or porterhouse steak oftener than once This cut down domestic consumption and has done it at exactly the same time that the foreign demand has been reduced. It is no wonder that the benevolent packers are alarmed. It is no wonder that they are turning to desperate expedients in an effort to promote the sale and consumption of their

products. Instead of a lavish advertising campaign. however, these packers might try reducing the price of meat products to a decent level. If they would do that, they would not have to resort to any artificial processes for the promotion of meat sales. They would find a ready market for everything they have to offer and if they do not do this voluntarily, a lower price level will be forced upon them as inevitably as the law of supply and demand is in operation. The American people simply will not stand for war prices of meat in peace time. They have found that they can get along pretty well without such luxuries and they will continue to do without them until they are sold at a reasonable price.

The close of the National Selective Morticians, which, interperted to meet the popular understanding, means undertakers, brought out the statement that funerals will cost more than ever next year. The prospect is prohibitive of funerals, if not of deaths.

It is a curious condition that one page of the average newspaper reports thousands of men seeking jobs and another page thousands quitting work, which stands undone for lack

Strike of the actors may not go far toward lowering the high cost of living, but if they force the closing of the theaters it will put a crimp in the cost of high living.

SEEN ON THE SIDE BY HENRY EDWARD WARNER

The Grumbler. I know a gink who kicks and howls And mouths and growls

And frowns and scowls He doesn't know that he's alive-At least he doesn't seem to. A chap who grabs with all his might At every bite

Of fat in sight, He gets his share of everything And bellows for the cream, too,

He has his share of all that goes, Yet hates a rose,

And I suppose He'd have to crack his face to make His grouchy features smile. He sees no beauty in a flower Nor shady bower.

Nor twilight's hour-To find something to kick about He'd crawl on fours a mile.

A chronic kicker he, and I Would heave no sigh

If he should die: Although he is my friend, I know He has no business living. And when he drifts away from here Above his bier-

That day when he has gone for good Is bound to be Thanksgiving!

Charcoal Enh's Daily Thought. "Dis worl' got a heap o' mouty nice peaple in hit," said Charcoal Eph, in a mood, "but sometimes I est nachally cyarn't fin' dem on my visitin' list. Try a pickle, Mistah Jackson."

There's No Place Like Home. Just fancy any one anywhere else jawing you the way you get jawed at home. Imagine a boarding-house, hotel or club getting away with what you have to stand for at home! Home is the only place where a Husband takes second place to company. It is the only place where, if there is anything good to cat, you have to go slow on it and let Mr. Simpson, the visitor from somewhere, have it. There's no place where you have to get in at a certain time or lie awake all night listening to a Belligerent Boss, except Home. It's the only place from which you have to take every one if you want to run away on a vacation.

Yep, there's no place like home. That's why they have clubs.

The Reprobate!

"Why, Brother Perkins," said the Pastor, "I haven't seen you at church lately,"

"Nope: yuh can't," said Perkins. "I've picked out a seat behind a pillar where I can enjoy

Utilizing Uncleanness The most useless thing in life is a weed. It takes out of the ground what feeds edible plants and flowers, and gives nothing back unless you feed it to hogs.

And yet we've just discovered, in our capacity as Summer Parmer, that pulling a weed stirs up the ground and cultivates deep; also that its relation to the use of certain forgotten muscles is that of a friendly visitor. Wherefore, we can see good even in weeds, properly used

A Song of the Bee.

Fz-z-z: Bz-z-z: Bz-z-z: Do you know what rhymes with Bz-z-z-z? wanta write a song o' th' Bee,

But merciful goodness gracious me, How can I find a rhyme, b'gee, For Bz-z-z-z: Bz-z-z-z: Bz-z-z-z:

Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z! Short for Bizness, is Bz-z-z-z! And the business end of a Bee's not eyes-A little experience makes me wise; He pulls his stunts with a rear surprise And Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z!

Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z! Go on with your threatening Bz-z-z-z: Arnica, liniment, first aid truck-Zing! . . Bang! . . Smash! . . Confound the luck! Just look at the red where the blamed thing O Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z! Bz-z-z-z!

> Business Problems SOLVED BY BRUNO DUKE, Author, Harold Whitchend.

Profit Sharing.

CHAPTER XXIV. (Continued.)

I realized then the privilege I enjoyed in not only working for him and learning from him, but in having him as a good friend.

"When am I going to be married, Mr. Duke? Just as soon as Mary will name the day. We hope to be married this summer—early this summer."

summer."
"I'm glad of that. Peter. I want you to be happy—real happy. A man can't be quite happy without a home—and children—" he sighed. "I'm going to miss you. Peter, when you get married. You're a lucky man—you're good look-Tim going to miss you, Peter, when you get married. You're a lucky man—you're good looking, young, healthy, have a good head and a clean heart. Mary Gillespie is lucky—and you are lucky to have won so dear a lady."

"Thank you, Mr. Duke." Somehow I felt full of sympathy for him. Perhaps the music, the quiet of the morning and the Oriental luxury of the room had affected me. "I mean to make Mary happy if, please God. I can. Mr. Duke... why did you never marry?",
"Me? Oh..." his nervous fingers twitched a little and the lines of his mouth softened to a mellowing sadness—"it just wasn't mean for me. I expect." He got up and paced the room nervously, then turned sharply to me. "Peter."

"Yes."

A pause. "Nothing, Peter. So you'll get married in the early summer. I hope you'll live somewhere near here if you can. It will be better for business—business—that's it—business, Peter, and I've some for you!"

He stood up, slipped off his dressing jacket and put on his coat, and as he did so his mood changed and he became the Bruno Duke the world knew.

changed and he became the Bruno Duke the world knew.

"Yes. Peter, I've a job after your own heart. A man in Perrytown sells women's dresses and such like and is suffering from competition and want us to help him fight it."

He then outlined his ideas on it and said: "Next week. Peter, go to Perrytown, and stay there till you've put it over. Before you go, however, I want you to help me in finding a new job?" I queried, puzzled. "I didn't know she had one at all. I've heen so busy on that Magnus Bros. job that I never gave her a thought after getting her out of jail at Hartford." I have," Duke laughed; "yery much so I'll

have," Duke laughed; "very much so. I'll Il you what happened."
Mamie certainly provides surprises enough a us.—To be continued tomorrow.

A Daily Once-Over. Keeping Your Ears Open for Tips.

You wonder why your investments never amount to anything, do you?

Well, is it not because you are unwilling to digest the knowledge which is within your reach and which might show you how to gain on investments?

That does not mean that you should proclaim your desire to look up get-rich-quick investments and make yourself the target of every agent extant.

But why is it not just as easy to keep your ears and your eyes open and look into the tips

For why is it not just as easy to keep your ears and your eyes open and look into the tips which are unconsciously dropped or which are actually given to you in your work-a-day week? Form a habit of looking into plans for betterment of your town.

Size up the men who are at the head of them. Keep your mouth shut and your ears alert to any warning notes which seem to repeat themselves in different promoters' plans, and get wise.

You might happen to hear something which you could assimilate, and you might derive more benefit than you guess. Don't bury your talent; increase -it,-Copy-right, 1919.

Health Talks by Dr. Wm. Brady Constipation Versus Drug Dependence. (Copyright 1918, by National Newspaper Service)

Exercise.—1. Is it advisable to exercise the small intestines by contracting and expanding the abdomen jerkilly? 2. May one sleep all night with the feet elevated much higher than the head? 3. In exercising the back, in elevating the feet and throwing most of the weight on the neck and elbows as props and the palms as supports for the hips, is there danger of breaking one's neck? 4. Is there danger of absorbing oxalle acid by licking buttonholes to make collars slip on easily?

Answer.—1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No 4. No—but licking a buttonhole is insanitary; use water instead of saliva.

In its larger aspect it calls for the further inquiry as to whether present taxation may not tend to reduce so drastically the investment power of the heretofore well-to-do classes that the spirit of enterprise might thereby be seriously affected. There is scarcely any question before the country deserving a more careful and earnest study and deliberation than these.—
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A Tabloid Tale.

The Snider's Web

(Pss-st! A word or two! Here are a few episodes—just a very few, to let you know what great stuff to expect in this thrilling, hair-raising, blood-curding, breath-holding story.

If enough readers desire us to print it, we will, it will appear on Thanksgiving day, giving everyhody at least one thing to be thankful for. Ed. Morning Glory.)

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The Spiders' Web.

Synopsis—Pepperina (called Pep for short) Potts is a prefty piece of femininity living in the town of Spickenspan. She is kidnaped while cating chocolates on the fence by a band of outlaws who hold her for \$300 ransom—in a cave. She finds a shovel and digs her way out of the cave, only to find that the outlet lets out into the river. The water rushes into the hole and pushes Pep before it—on through the cave to the door. The force of the rush of mighty waters breaks down the door and washes Pep high and dry upon a cilff right beside an eagle's nest full of little egglets. Sitting there perilously for many hours, Pep sees her lover, Munster Wishwell, walking several miles below in the valley. She dakes one of the cagles eggs and drops it down. It crashes to Munster's dome. And Munster, who is a detective, sees Pep's thumbprint on a piece of the shell—looks up—sees Pep and waves his arms to her. But horrors! Pep, in her dizzy joy, loses her balance, and slips slowly and inevitably toward the brink of—

(P. S.) If you want to read what becomes of Pep—if she fell and who saved her if she did, don't forget to read the Lingeric Number of

News of Fifty Years Ago.

The first bale of new cotton to reach New York came from Texas and was sold yesterday at 50 cents per pound.

FROM OTHER VIEWPOINTS

Constitution versus Drug Depredense.

Autointoxication is a fascinating theory an introspective or self-sufficient type. The only serious drawback about autointoxication is such a condition. We deduce in certain circumstances a probable absorption of harmful tract, but our deduction is almost wholly hypothetical, after sit. of the millions of harmful tract, but our deduction is almost wholly hypothetical, after sit. of the millions of dollars specific annually for drugs goes to purchase law-specific constitution are such as condition. We deduce in certain circumstances a probable so discovered the specific annually for drugs goes to purchase law-specific constitution with the secondary of autoritical and the secondary of autoritical and the secondary of a secondary to the millions of dollars of autoritical and the secondary of a secondary to the secondary, there is good acteniting crown of a secondary to constitution only. It is secondary to constitution of the secondary the secondar

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Daylight Saving in Great Britain.

N. E. C., Richmond.—Bluing was formerly made of indigo which came from the indigo plant in India, but since 1907 it has been made synthetically, that is, built up chemically, the start being made with napthalene, which is a coal-tar product. Soluble Prussian blue or other soluble blue pigments, frequently made up into balls, have therefore come into use, and can be purchased at any drugstore.

News of Fifty Years Ago.

(From the Richmond Dispatch, Aug. 14, 1869.)

Rev. Dr. Curry is being urged to deliver in Richmond at an early date his address on education, which has been so well received in other cities and in the country.

W. A. Boxwell and M. H. Atkins were yesterday honored by Gen. Canby with seats in the City Council. Wigand declined the appointment offered him.

The "Legion of Temperance" is a new order, which like the "Friends," excludes the negro.

Mr. Haker, who was appointed clork of the Circuit Court of Richmond, declines to serve. All of these new appointees know full well that they would have but a very short while to colicet salaries and that is why so many are declining Gen. Canby's honors.

Gen. Canby is in Washington today. He had a long interview with President Grant yesterday and "Reconstructed Virginia" was the sole subject under discussion.

Mr. Jefferson Davis, according to a letter just received in this city today, is now making a tour of Scotland, accompanied by Dr. Charles McKay.

Several more Aldermen are to be appointed by Gen. Canby in a day or two, or that is, as soon as he returns from Washington.

There has been no rain in Richmond in exactly seventy-one days. The oldest inhabitant does not remember so much dryness.

It is now confidently believed that the United States will in a few days recognize the Cubans as belligerents.

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The first bale of new colion to reach New yet came from Texas and was sold yesterday at 50 cents per pound.

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many disappoints of the fourteen as a surgeon. That was his profession before he dook to writing and he has never quite let it dook to writing and he has never quite let it dook to writing and he has never quite let it dook to writing and he has never quite let it drop.

Daylight Saving in Great Britain.

Subscriber, Hopewell.—Great Britain adopted the daylight saving plan in May, 1916, and the clocks were changed in June the same year.

W. C. L., Scottsville.—Smokeless powder is made by combining some form of cellulose with a mixture of sulphuric and nitric acids and then with acetic acid or acetone. The smokeless powder most extensively used is prepared by kneading guncotton into a paste with acetic acid. It exerts about twice the force of ordinary gunpowder. The powder is smokeless because the products of the explosion are all gascous, those of gunpowder are fully 50 per cent solid matter. The most extensive use of smokeless powder is in the big guns of the artillery. It is also used in smaller frearms, and for blasting under certain conditions. A powder of any dekired strength can be made by regulating the strength of the acid used in its manufacture.

Daylight Saving in Great Britain.

"The Adventures of ine Fourteen Points" is the title of a book an nounced for early publication by the Century Company. It is a book by Harry Hansen, translator of the book entitled "A Peace Congress of Intrigue." Galling with the Congress of Vienna, which was published last year. Mr. Hansen was at Berlin writing cable stories of the peace conference for a dozen or so American newspapers. His new book, as indicated by the title, aims to give a clear, complete picture of the peace conference from beginning of the peace conference from beginning tend. The products of the peace conference from beginning to five peace conference the world has known. But Mr. Hansen, it is said, but only gives a complete picture, he succeeds in making it all human and intensely interesting. The great controlled the force of the original documents involved.

Laundry Bining.

Places I love come back to me like music,
Hush me and heal me when I am
very tired;
see the oak woods at Saxton's flaming In a flare of crimson by the frost

And I am thirsty for the spring in the valley

As for a kiss ungiven and long desired.

I know a white world of snowy hills at Boonton,
A blue and white dazzling light on everything one sees.
The larches and hemlocks and maples sparkle.
Their ice-sheathed branches tinkle in the sharp thin breeze,
And iridescent crystals fall and crackle on the snow-crust,
With the winter sun drawing cold blue shadows from the trees.

Violet now, in vel on veil of evenng.

The hills across from Cromwell grow
dreamy and far;

wood-thrush is singing soft as a viol
In the heart of the hollow where
the dark pools are;
The primrose has opened her pale yellow flowers
And heaven is lighting star after

Places I love come back to me like music---Midocean, midnight, waves buzz Midocean, midnight, waves buzz
drowsily;
In the ship's deep churning the eeric
phosphorescence
Seems like souls of people who were
drowned at sea;
And I can hear a man's voice, speaking,
hushed, insistent.
At midnight, in midocean, hour on
hour to me.

-Sara Teasdale, in Scribner's